

**Action points and information points arising from the Wales Biodiversity Enclosed
Farmland Ecosystem Group (EFEG)**

**28th April 2015, Video Conference Room, County Hall, Mold and site visit to Ty'n y Cae
Farm, 10.30-3.30 pm**

Chair:	Clare Burrows (CB)	Natural Resources Wales
Present:	Alun Davies (AD) Amanda Davies (AmD) Carwyn ap Myrddin (CM) Lawrence Gotts Liz Lewis-Reddy (LLR) Tracey Lovering (TL)	Natural Resources Wales Flintshire County Council Snowdonia National Park Flintshire County Council Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Natural Resources Wales
Minutes:	Jane Stevens (JS)	Natural Resources Wales
Apologies:	Afon Williams Colin Cheesman Gethin Evans Ian Harris Julian Woodman	RSPB Plantlife National Trust University of Bangor Natural Resources Wales

2. Action points and matters arising from last meeting

AP 1: raise awareness of the Hedgelink report on the ecosystems services provided by hedges at PES, practitioners working group, (AD). Supply to Ann Humble and TL, and also to CM (CB).

AP 2: Circulate details of forthcoming hedge connectivity workshop when they are available (CB).

AP 3: Contact Cath Shellswell regarding APs 10-12 from the EFEG meeting on Nov 4th 2014 (CB).

AP 4: Circulate details, if available, of arable weeds being trialled as fodder crop species e.g. Ribwort Plantain (LLR).

IP 1: Vice-county arable plant reports from the REF project are available, and anyone interested in having a copy of the report for their vice-county should ask CB.

AP 5: Engage with Patrick Green to find out whether the targeting maps produced by the Ecosystem groups are being utilised in the Dyfi natural resource management trial area (TL).

AP 6: Engage with NRW staff covering the legacy agri-leads role to promote the benefits of arable plants during farm visits. Supply with pdf of Plantlife's new identification guide to threatened arable plants (AD, CB, JW, SH).

AP 7: Check content for EFEG on the WBP website to ensure is current, e.g. membership list, action points, arable actions (CB, JS).

3. WBP update

IP 2: WG are setting up task and finish groups to develop actions and targets for the Nature Recovery Plan, e.g. improved evidence, restoration, improved governance, RDP outcomes engagement and

support. Membership is by invitation, but if anyone would like to be involved, email Dai Harris Dai.Harris@Wales.GSI.Gov.UK to enquire.

AP 8: Engage with Dai Harris about linking WBP work to the new agricultural strategy WG plan to launch on 4th June (TL).

IP 3: WBP produce a monthly newsletter. Anyone wishing to go on the mailing list should contact Sean McHugh smchugh@wtwales.org.

4. Habitat updates – Hedgerows

AP 9: Organise a meeting of interested people to take forward some of the ideas in the Hedgewatch bid (CB).

IP 4: CB would like to organise a meeting of interested people in September to discuss the impact of Ash Dieback in hedgerows.

IP 5: A Wales branch of the Ancient Tree Forum was launched in Dinefwr Park last week. Contact TL t.lovering@btinternet.com if want to be involved.

AP 10: Contact Rachel Palmer for an update on the Long Forest Project (CB).

Habitat updates – Orchards

AP 11: Supply contact person for the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park REF orchard project to CM (CB).

AP 12: Ascertain whether the PTES orchard inventory database for Wales is being updated following ground truthing work in Montgomeryshire (LLR).

AP 13: Ascertain whether an orchard that is threatened with development received funding through REF (TL to supply AmD with the details).

Habitat updates – Ffridd

AP 14: Send agreed definition for ffridd, with addendum about soil carbon levels, to Caryn La Roux with a view to requesting it be added to the S42 list and be considered in the mix with the RDP etc (CB).

IP 6: The Woodland Trust website offers a vehicle for campaigning for an amendment to WG guidance for the EU basic payment scheme to make trees with vegetation under them eligible, and to recognise the value of trees on Welsh farms <http://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/get-involved/campaign-with-us/our-campaigns/keep-trees-on-farms/>

AP 15: Establish whether a recent instance of hedgerow tree-felling witnessed by TL is on a Glastir farm (TL to supply CB with photos and grid refs).

AP 16: Circulate ffridd REF project report to all (CB).

5. Discussion on orchard actions and research priorities

IP 7: A Google map version of the PTES mapping of Traditional Orchards in Wales is viewable on the PTES website <http://ptes.org/get-involved/surveys/countryside-2/traditional-orchard-survey/orchard-maps/>. The dataset is not currently downloadable from NRW's website. Please contact CB or JS if you would like a GIS copy.

AP 17: Ascertain whether the WBP website could host a page for Traditional Orchards to act as a repository for information and links (TL to speak to Sean McHugh and CB to follow up).

AP 18: Find out if Traditional Orchards are being incorporated into CEH's HNV mapping project (CB).

AP 19: Continue to input information about Traditional Orchards to Glastir development (CB).

AP 20: Submit a Research Project Proposal under the Evidence Gaps Project to assess the PES delivery from orchards (LLR).

6. AOB and date of next meeting

AP 21: Circulate information about the Kew Gardens Millennium Seeds Project which is collecting tree seeds in Wales over the next three years (LLR).

AP 22: Circulate a Meet-O-Matic link to set a date for the next meeting which will be in October 2015 (JS).